

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

WATER TO WINE: THE FIRST SIGN

John 2:1-11

Main Thought: Jesus' first miraculous sign should cause us to see His glory and the superiority of the joyous salvation that He brings so that we believe in Him.

1. THE SETTING: A _____ IN CANA

2. THE SIGN: JESUS TURNS WATER INTO _____
 - 1) Mary's _____ to Jesus.

 - 2) The _____ of Jesus.

 - 3) The _____ of the headwaiter.

 - 4) The _____ of the disciples.

3. THE SIGNIFICANCE: THIS _____ POINTS TO JESUS' GLORY AS THE SON OF GOD AND THE SUPERIORITY OF THE NEW COVENANT OVER THE OLD COVENANT.
 - 1) Wine is a _____ of joy, especially joy in the coming Messianic kingdom. (Is. 25:6; Joel 2:19, 24)

 - 2) The water of the old covenant _____ into the wine of the new covenant in Christ.

 - 3) The abundant _____ of Christ to meet our needs.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read John 2:1-11 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What event occurred (v 1), and where was it?

3. Who was present (vv 1,2)?

4. What problem occurred, and what request did Jesus' mother make (v 3)?

5. What did Jesus tell His mother? How did she respond (vv 4,5)?

6. How many water pots were present, and how large was each (v 6)?

7. Look up the size of the pots and calculate the total amount of liquid involved. (Think: What lessons can we learn from the amount of wine Jesus made?)

8. What did Jesus say to do with the water? What happened then (vv 7-9)?

9. What observation did the ruler of the feast make about the wine (v10)? What does this prove?

10. What effect did this event have (v 11)?

11. John says this was the first of the signs through which Jesus revealed His glory. What was the significance of this sign (miracle)? How did it point to His glory?

1) What was wine a symbol of? (See Is. 25:6; Joel 2:19, 24)

2) What was represented by the stone water jars? What were they used for? What do you think changing water to wine in those jars signifies?

3) How does this sign (miracle) demonstrate the superiority of the new covenant to the old covenant?

12. What application for your life do you take from this passage?